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Sir:

On March 14, 2005, Applicants' undersigned agent filed an Appeal Brief in the above-referenced application. Applicants have not yet received a response to the Appeal Brief. Applicants hereby respectfully request the Patent Office to notify Applicant as to the status of this matter.

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